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This file consists of one record for each SP who met two conditions as of the fall round. First, the SP had to report that he or she was enrolled in Medicare HMO at the time of the community interview in the fall round. Second, CMS records had to show a capitation payment to a Medicare HMO on behalf of the SP for the month of the interview.

These data augment information from the Access to Care and Satisfaction with Care sections of the questionnaire. It contains information about access to and satisfaction with medical services received through the HMO. It also contains the SP's assessment of the quality of medical care they are receiving, types of additional coverage offered, and any out-of-pocket costs associated with the HMO.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number

2,332 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

HMOYEARS	12	2	HYRSFMT	HIMC24			N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
				1			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				78			-8 Don't know
				376			1-2 1 to 2 years
				754			3-5 3 to 5 years
				509			6-10 6 to 10 years
				218			11-15 11 to 15 years
				139			16-20 16 to 20 years
				215			21-95 More than 20 years
				41			96 Less than 1 year

NOTE: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF	14	2	DIFFMT	AC33			N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
				7			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				110			1 Yes
				1,935			2 No
				275			3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT		AC34a		N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				7			3 Cardiology (heart)
				9			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				1			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				5			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				5			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				0			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				2			14 Hematology (blood)
				0			15 Hospital residence
				2			16 Internal medicine
				2			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				2			18 Neurology
				0			19 Nuclear Medicine
				5			20 Oncology
				9			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				18			22 Orthopaedics
				1			24 Osteopathy
				6			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				1			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				0			29 Proctology
				1			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				0			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				2			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				6			35 Urology
				1			36 Audiologist
				2			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				1			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				19			91 Other medical specialty

NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1
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MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				38			1 Indicated
				71			2 Not Indicated

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MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Wait for appointment was too long
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				6			1 Indicated
				103			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOCONV	22	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				22			1 Indicated
				87			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOREFR	24	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				35			1 Indicated
				74			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOLIKE	26	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				4			1 Indicated
				105			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHBADHRS	28	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Provider's office hours not convenient
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				3			1 Indicated
				106			2 Not Indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT	AC35			N Other - Kind of difficulty
				2,222			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				13			1 Indicated
				96			2 Not Indicated
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MHREFPAY	32	2	YES2FMT	AC36			N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				8			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				27			1 Yes
				2,289			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MHMORX	34	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover drugs?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				36			-8 Don't know
				1,850			1 Yes
				445			2 No
MHMODENT	36	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover dental?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				118			-8 Don't know
				747			1 Yes
				1,466			2 No
MHMOEYE	38	2	YES2FMT				N Does Medicare HMO plan cover eye exams?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				97			-8 Don't know
				1,740			1 Yes
				494			2 No
MHMOPCAR	40	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover preventiv care
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				66			-8 Don't know
				2,164			1 Yes
				101			2 No
MHMONH	42	2	YES2FMT				N Does Mcare HMO plan cover nursing home?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				574			-8 Don't know
				291			1 Yes
				1,466			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3							
MHMOPOS	44	2	YES2FMT	HIMC15			N MHMO a point-of-service option
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				231			-8 Don't know
				199			1 Yes
				1,900			2 No

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MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				1,322			1 Yes
				988			2 No
D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				1,011			. Inapplicable
				72			-8 Don't know
				1,249	0.01-99999.99		Premium MIP pays for private insurance
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1			
				First available in 1996			
MHMO COST	56	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				1,010			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				106			1 Yes
				1,208			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1			
				First available in 1999			
MHMO WHO	58	2	WHOFMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				2,226			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Main insured person's current employer
				63			2 Main insured person's former employer
				2			3 Main insured person's union
				3			4 Spouse's current employer
				31			5 Spouse's former employer
				0			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				1			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				1			91 Other
				NOTES: Applies only if MHMO COST = 1			
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MHMOMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT				N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				706			1 Lower cost
				544			2 Better benefits or coverage
				204			3 Doctor was member
				73			4 Convenient location
				250			5 Recommendation or reputation
				133			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				89			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				25			8 Less paperwork
				88			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				30			10 Better selection of providers
				37			11 Better quality of care
				11			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				0			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				118			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT				N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				2			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				118			-8 Don't know
				1,902			1 Yes
				307			2 No

NOTES: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO
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